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Title : **TRANSGENIC MONOCOTYLEDONOUS  
PLANTS OVEREXPRESSING A NHX PROTEIN  
AND HAVING IMPROVED GROWTH  
CHARACTERISTICS AND A METHOD FOR  
MAKING THE SAME**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.